

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-0078**

**APPROVAL OF UP TO \$5 MILLION OF DROUGHT-RELATED DRINKING WATER
EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR INTERIM OR PERMANENT DRINKING WATER SOLUTIONS
FOR HOUSEHOLDS SERVED BY DOMESTIC WELLS OR BY WATER SYSTEMS SERVING
FEWER THAN 15 CONNECTIONS**

WHEREAS:

1. Due to severe and persistent drought conditions in the State of California, the Governor issued a "[Proclamation of a State of Emergency](#)" on January 17, 2014, a "[Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency](#)" on April 25, 2014; and Executive Orders [B-26-14](#), [B-28-14](#), [B-29-15](#), and [B-36-15](#);
2. Assembly Bill (AB) 91 (Stats. 2015, ch. 1) added Item 3940-101-0679 to Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2014 to appropriate \$15 million from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to address drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies;
3. AB 91 added Item 3940-102-0679 to Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2014 to appropriate an additional \$4 million from the CAA to the State Water Board to provide interim emergency drinking water to disadvantaged communities with contaminated drinking water supplies;
4. On May 19, 2015, the State Water Board adopted [Resolution 2015-0035](#), which delegated authority and approved [Funding Guidelines](#) for administering \$19 million in AB 91 emergency drinking water funding;
5. Many residents across the State of California who rely on domestic wells or water systems serving fewer than 15 connections are experiencing drought-related drinking water shortages or outages that threaten human health and safety;
6. Not-for-profit organizations such as Self-Help Enterprises and Rural Community Assistance Corporation have established programs focused on providing technical, managerial, and financial assistance to rural California communities facing drought-related water shortages or outages, including low-interest loan programs funded by the United States Department of Agriculture for constructing, refurbishing, or servicing low-income homeowners' domestic water well systems;
7. Permanent drinking water solutions for households served by domestic wells or by water systems serving fewer than 15 connections may include, but are not limited to, rehabilitation of wells and related drinking water infrastructure, drilling of new wells, and consolidation into new or existing public water systems; and
8. The proposed allocation of emergency drinking water funding is consistent with the Funding Guidelines and directly supports the human right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Approves the allocation of up to \$5 million of the funds appropriated by Item 3940-101-0679 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2014 to augment and expand qualified not-for-profit organizations' programs or projects that will provide interim or permanent drinking water solutions for households that are served by domestic wells or by water systems serving fewer than 15 connections and that are experiencing drought-related drinking water emergencies or threatened emergencies.
2. Conditions its approval in Resolved No. 1 upon the prioritization of assistance to disadvantaged communities, as defined in section 79505.5 of the Water Code.
3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance or his or her designee to approve or deny funding of up to \$5 million, without limitation on funding amount per program or per project, for programs and projects consistent with Resolved Nos. 1 and 2; to execute agreements and amendments thereto to disburse funds for such programs or projects; and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to facilitate the implementation of such agreements.

CERTIFICATION

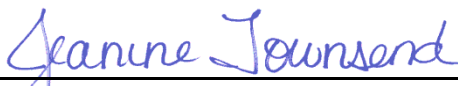
The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Board held on December 15, 2015.

AYE: Vice Chair Frances Spivy-Weber
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Steven Moore
Board Member Dorene D'Adamo

NAY: None

ABSENT: Chair Felicia Marcus

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board